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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 § CFR 1.56**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of a claim of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to reference AA listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of reference AA is enclosed.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR §§ 1.104(a) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be considered during the prosecution of this application.

Identification of the listed reference(s) is not to be construed as an admission of any individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Furthermore, Applicants do not waive any rights to appropriate action to establish patentability over any of the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the subject application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the listed reference and that the reference be made of record in the file history of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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